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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 5/29/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues, "That is, it is respectfully submitted that in Pierson the queue is NOT IN THE MICROPROCESSOR OF THE REMOTE ONE OF ***THE DIRECTORS*** (emphasis in original). Thus, in Pierson, information is not returned to the source through such originating one of the directors after being processed by the microprocessor of such remote one of the directors." This argument is non-persuasive, because the premise of the argument, "that in Pierson the queue is NOT IN THE MICROPROCESSOR OF THE REMOTE ONE OF ***THE DIRECTORS*** (emphasis in original), is not supported by the applicant's own claim language, therefore the applicant is arguing limitation that are not in the claims. The claims recite that ***the output queue is located within the input/output interface section, not in the microprocessor*** as strenuously argued by the applicant (emphasis added) (see lines 10-12 of claim 5 and lines 11-13 of claim 9). The cited prior art to Calvignac teaches the microprocessor stores incoming and outgoing data (see lines 50-65 of column 8, note the Examiner is construing the combination of elements 90 and 92 to be the claimed microprocessor; the memory 92 stores incoming data to be processed by the processor and outgoing data processed by the processor that is ready for

transmission). Pierson is cited as teachings an I/O interface comprising an output queue for storing data to be output from the I/O interface section (see Pierson, paragraph 45).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERON J. SORRELL whose telephone number is (571)272-4160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

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